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TOPIC Drewitz Airfield

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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED \_\_\_\_\_DATE OF CONTENT 1 to 25 August 1952

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1. In early August 1952, \_\_\_\_\_ the spur track to Drewitz airfield branched off from the railroad line at the Grabkow block signal box. Many temporary buildings for the workers were under construction near Grabkow. Two trains each of 40 to 50 cars with construction material ran daily to the airfield. Particularly cement, gravel, crushed stones, timber, prefabricated houses, tar, rails and dump cars were hauled to the field. 25X1
2. Between 12 and 20 August, concreting of the runway started. Crushed stones and cement continuously arrived at the field. Work on a fence was started. Eight temporary buildings were completed. VP men were stationed at the field after 20 August. On 12 August, a conference was held on the construction project at the field.
3. On 24 and 25 August, \_\_\_\_\_ work at the field was being performed by the Dresden Bauunion. The construction site extended north and south of the Cottbus-Guben railroad line and covered an area of 1,080 hectares. Private property of 580 hectares had to be expropriated and the remaining 500 hectares consisted of state-owned woods. A fence, about 2.5 meters high, with cement poles and high lookout posts was under construction. On 25 August, a section of the fence west of the Grabkow block signal box north of the railroad line was completed. \_\_\_\_\_ the entire construction project at the field is to be completed by 20 September 1953. 25X1
4. The laborers were quartered and supplied with food in two temporary buildings north and south of the Cottbus-Guben railroad line. A total of about 3,000 laborers were to be employed at the field. No Soviet soldiers were observed at the field, but there were 19 VP men who mainly guarded important construction material.
5. Concreting was already started on the runway. Earth which was removed during grading work was placed on both sides of the runway.

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6. A spur track was under construction. Cement which arrived on this spur track was hauled directly to the concrete mixers below the railroad embankment. Other construction material which was unloaded from railroad cars on the spur track was hauled on narrow-gauge field railway tracks to the individual construction sites.
7. The above-ground construction section was responsible for the construction of quartering facilities. The foundations for barracks buildings were completed. \*

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\* [ ] Comment. It appears that the difficulties at the construction site of Drewitz airfield were overcome. [ ] 25X1  
trains with construction material arrived at the field. [ ] 25X1  
This material has been used at the field. Concreting started on the runway. The spur track to the field branches off from the Cottbus-Guben railroad line at a point located 220 meters northeast of the southeastern corner of Jagen (forest sub-area) 121. See Map GSGS 4414, Sheet 4153. 25X1  
The definite course of the spur track cannot be determined from the rough sketch which was forwarded previously. [ ]  
Judging by information that the construction site is located north and south of the Cottbus-Guben railroad-line, it is inferred that the railroad line will have to be rerouted later.